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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTERS' TRIP
TO PARIS AND WASHINGTON

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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. SAUDI AMBASSADOR MULHAQ CONTACTED ME TO CONVEY
MESSAGE FROM FONMIN SAQQAF. SAQQAF IS ON WAY TO
WASHINGTON ACCOMPANIED BY ZAIN AL-ABDIN DABBAGH AND
HASSAN REDWAN.

2. SAQQAF, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPAINED BY FAHMI, WOULD
IF CONVENIENT, LIKE TO HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY
SATURDAY EVENING FEB. 16. HE CARRIES AN "URGENT AND
IMPORTANT MESSAGE". IF DR. KISSINGER AGREES ON
APPOINTMENT FOR SATURDAY EVENING SAQQAF WILL LEAVE PARIS
FOR WASHINGTON SATURDAY MORNING. IF SATURDAY EVENING
IMPOSSIBLE BUT SUNDAY EVENING IS CONVENIENT, HE WILL
LEAVE PARIS SUNDAY MORNING.

3. SAUDI AMBASSADOR REQUESTED NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON
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AIRPORTS BE NOTIFIED SINCE SAQQAF AND PARTY (AND PROBABLY

EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMI'S PARTY) HAVE NO U.S. VISAS.

4. *MBASSADOR REQUESTED SECRETARY'S REPLY BE CONVEYED TO SAQQAF IN PARIS THROUGH SAUDI EMBASSY OR HOTEL CRILLON WHERE SAQQAF WILL BE STAYING.

5. SAUDI AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD IMPRESSIGN ALGIERS' MINI SUMMIT HAD GONE WELL BUT ON QUESTIONING IT DEVELOPED THAT SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WERE RESTRICTED TO FOUR CHIEFS OF STATE AND THOUGH HE WAS MEMBER SAUDI DELEGATION HE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION AND NONE SPECIFICALLY ON EMBARGO. HE ASSUMED KING FAISAL HAD BRIEFED SAQQAF.

6. GINIGER OF NEW YORK TIMES HAS PHONED EMBASSY TO ASK WHEN EGYPTIAN FONMIN IS ARRIVING WASHINGTON. WE GAVE NO INFO BUT PRESS REPS WILL PROBABLY BE FILING STORY. THEY HAVE NOTHING RE SUMMIT RESULTS BUT EXPECT A COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED WITHIN A FEW HOURS.EAGLETON

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